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NEW JERSEY MAN CHARGED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT WITH AN 'ADVANCE FEE' SCHEME THAT NETTED HIM \$200,000

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DANIEL A. OJEIKERE, a/k/a "David R. Jordan," was charged with wire fraud in connection with an advance fee scheme under which OJEIKERE and others promised victims large sums of money in exchange for their payment of smaller "fees," usually represented as costs necessary to obtain the large sums of money from sources in Nigeria or other African countries.

The Complaint filed today charges that from May 2002 until February 26, 2003, OJEIKERE fraudulently obtained more than \$200,000 from several victims by pretending to be "David R. Jordan," the purported Finance Director of a company called "Citi International Bankers Clearing House." The Complaint charges that OJEIKERE corresponded with victims using letterhead bearing the

CitiBank logo. OJEIKERE also instructed victims to wire funds through accounts held at CitiBank, N.A., 111 Wall Street, New York, New York, it was charged.

If convicted, OJEIKERE faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in jail and a fine of \$1 million.

OJEIKERE, 40, resides in South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Mr. COMEY praised the efforts of the United States Secret Service, which conducted the investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney TANYA F. MILLER is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges announced in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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